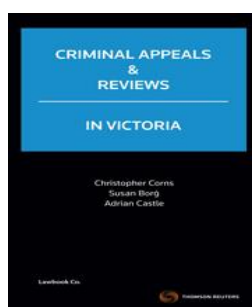


Book Review



Criminal Appeals and Reviews in Victoria

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Any lawyer who needs to advise and/or appear for a client charged with a criminal offence, whether to be dealt with summarily or on indictment, should have, at the very least, a basic understanding of the laws and procedures concerning appeals and reviews in their various forms, should things go awry. On the other hand, those regularly appearing in appellate jurisdictions need to master a significant body of law and jurisprudence to best serve their clients.

It seems to me that this book will cater to all levels of professional involvement in the criminal jurisdictions in this state, and will provide an invaluable, up-to-date, hands-on resource to solicitors, barristers and students alike.

The book has been structured in an accessible and logical form and written in a clear and concise manner, by three learned authors who, in combination, quite obviously have a thorough understanding of their subject matter. Further, the authors have noted the involvement in the preparation of the book of a number of authoritative contributors including the Court of Appeal president Chris Maxwell, Justice Robert Redlich, Gavin Silbert QC, David Grace QC and Tom Gyorffy QC among others.

The book provides the reader with a concise history of the development of criminal appeals in Victoria, and then describes the law concerning appeals from the Children's and Magistrates' Courts to the County Court, and appeals and other applications to the Court of Appeal from charges heard on indictment in the County and Supreme Courts. Separate chapters are devoted to interlocutory appeals, appeals on questions of law/judicial review, appeals to the Federal Court and appeals to the High Court. The book provides an examination of the manner in which the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act might be engaged in an appeal, and also a useful guide to the practitioner involved in appellate advocacy.

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